



HOSEA PUG LAKE

T26ED, Washington Co.
U.S.G.S. Clifford Lake, ME (7 1/2')

Fishes

Splake
Yellow perch
Chain pickerel
Minnows
Golden shiner

White sucker
Hornpout (bullhead)
Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 58 acres

Maximum depth - 35 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 73°F

32 feet - 45°F

Principal fisheries: Splake, chain pickerel

Hosea Pug Lake is located to the south of Clifford Lake in central Washington County. Access is via the Clifford Lake road which heads northwest off Route 9 (The "Airline") just easterly of Beaverdam Stream. A small boat/canoe can be launched at a rough landing near a camp.

This small water has sufficiently good water quality to support brook trout. However, the presence of well-established populations of pickerel, yellow perch, and hornpout preclude management for this species. Because splake (a hybrid cross between brook trout and lake trout) have demonstrated the ability to provide acceptable fisheries in some similar habitats, an experimental stocking program was initiated in 1997. For the most part, these stockings have produced a reasonably good salmonid fishery where none previously existed. Once anglers discovered they could catch some 14-16 in fish, they started to fish it hard in the winter. Because a small pond like this one is susceptible to over fishing during the ice fishing season, a 2-trap limit was implemented to reduce the harvest and permit more fish to carry over to the open water season. This special regulation should allow us to keep the pond open to winter anglers. Pickerel provide a secondary fishery although most appear to be small to medium size.

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